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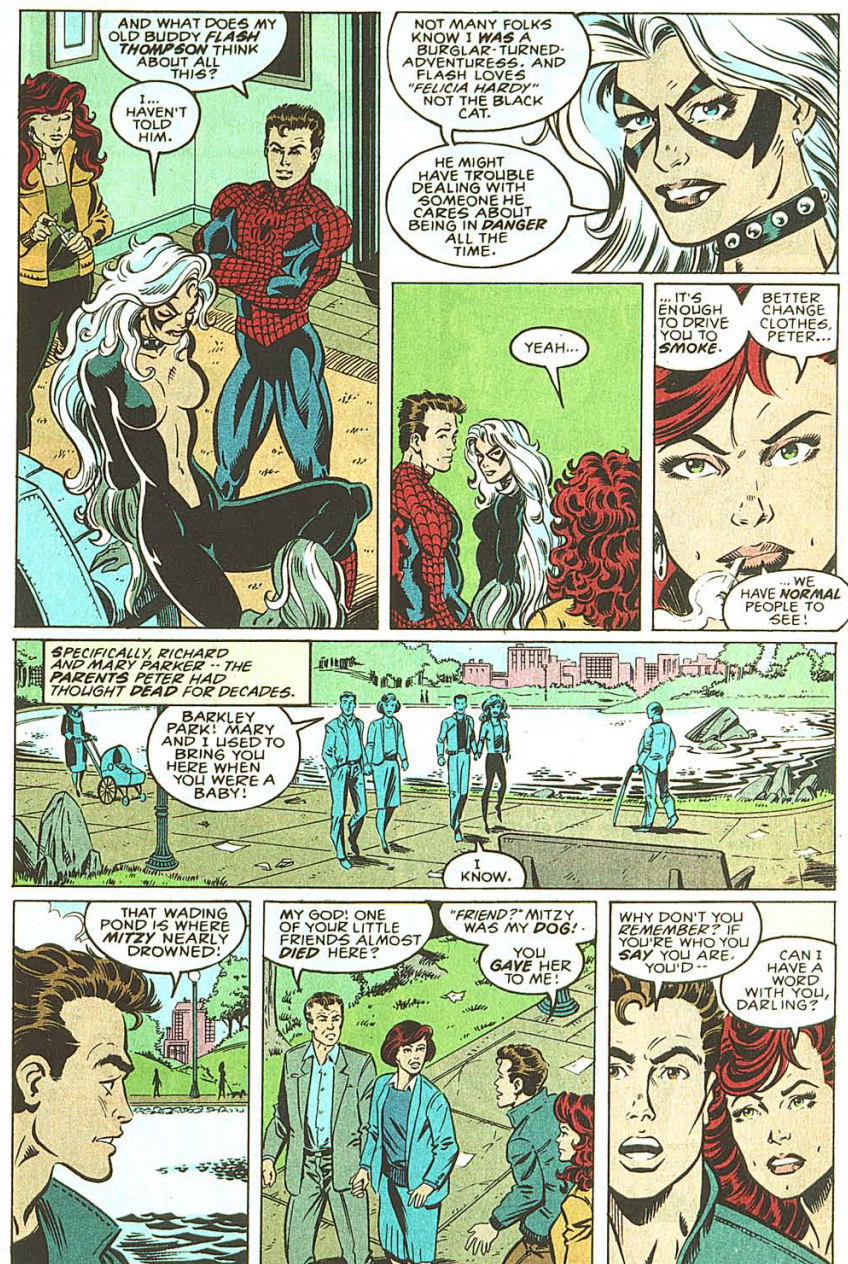
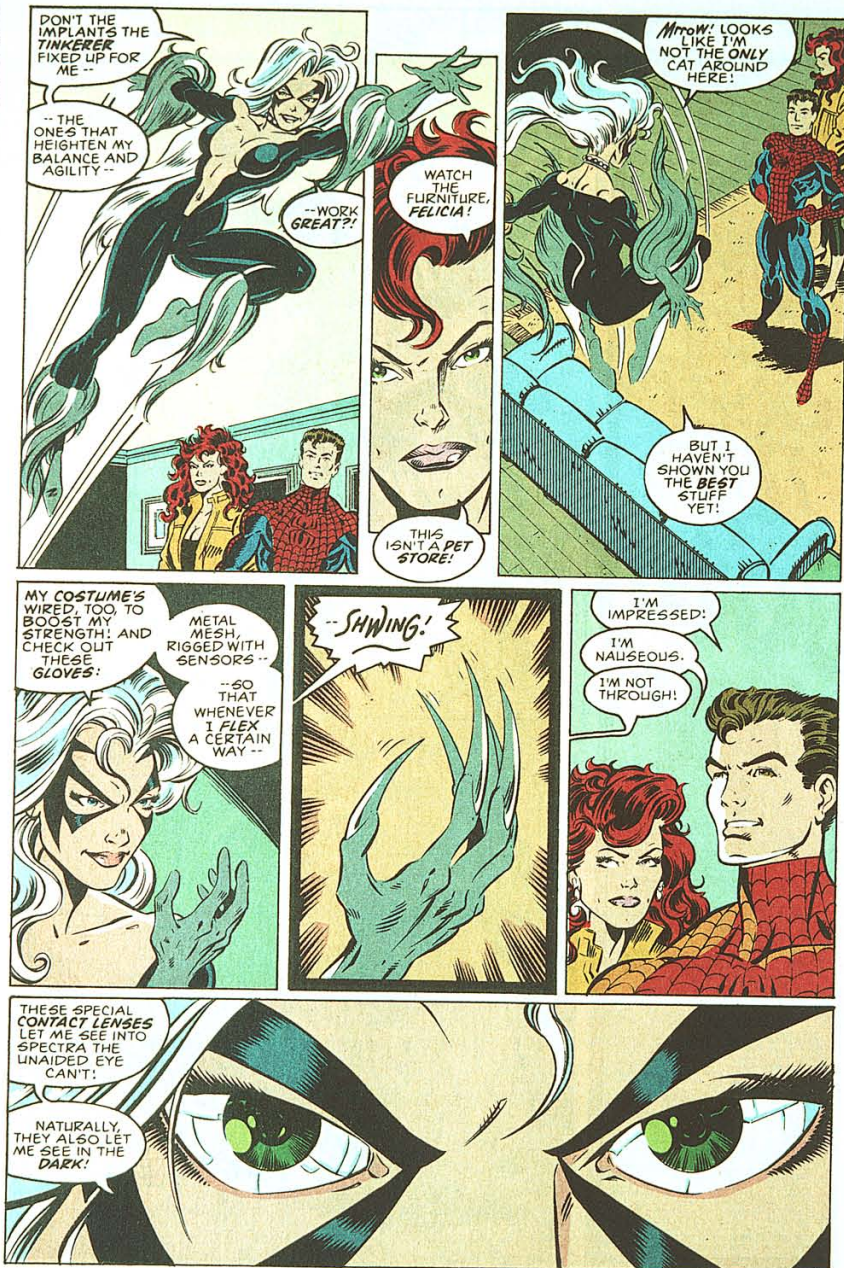
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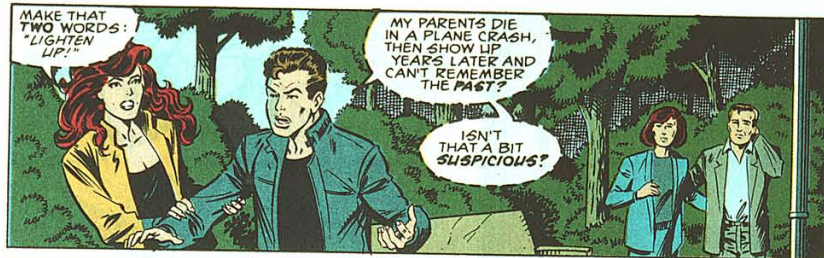
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THEY WERE IN RUSSIAN PRISONS FOR TWENTY YEARS. IF THEY DON'T REMEMBER THE MUTT YOU HAD WHEN YOU WERE IN DIAPERS --



THERE'S SO MUCH WE CAN'T REMEMBER.

I KNOW, IT'S NOT FAIR --

--SAY! WHAT ABOUT THAT MAN WE MET YESTERDAY?



HE SEEMED TO KNOW US FROM BEFORE! IF WE FOUND HIM, MAYBE HE COULD JOG OUR MEMORIES!



--HAS ENOUGH PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW...



NIGHT: LONG ISLAND.

THANKS FOR THE RIDE, FELICIA. TRAVELING AS SPIDER-MAN ISN'T REAL SAFE THESE DAYS!



MENDEL STROMM DESIGNED THE LAST ONE, THAT AMOEBOID. BUT STROMM IS DEAD AND BURIED! HIS ASSISTANT IS ALIVE THOUGH --



--IN AN ASYLUM! LIVING IN STROMM'S SHADOW TURNED HIM INTO A HOPELESS SCHIZOPHRENIC!

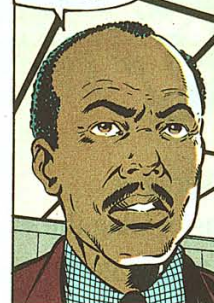


HOSPITAL OFFICIALS WOULDN'T TALK OVER THE PHONE --



A PRIVATE SANITARIUM, MOMENTS LATER...

I'M AFRAID MAX YOUNG IS NO LONGER WITH US.



HE... ESCAPED... WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER INMATES OVER A MONTH AGO.



THE EVENT WAS KEPT QUIET IN ORDER TO AVOID PANIC.



AND IF YOU BREATHE A WORD ABOUT IT NOW, WE'LL SUE!



WELL THAT WAS CERTAINLY --



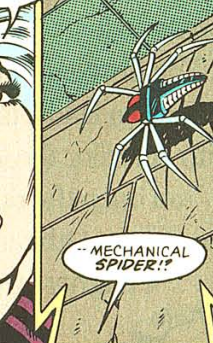
TINGLING MILDLY -- BEEN DOING THAT A LOT LATELY!



I DO! IN THE SHADOWS. SOME KIND OF --



--MECHANICAL SPIDER!?



COULD BE THE CLUE WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!



AND A QUICK COSTUME CHANGE LATER...



THERE IT IS, JUST LIKE 'LICIA SAID!



HERO QUEST™

The quest to destroy the evil gargoyle Verag is behind you. You wiped out the minions of Ulag the Orc Warlord and recovered Prince Magnus' gold.

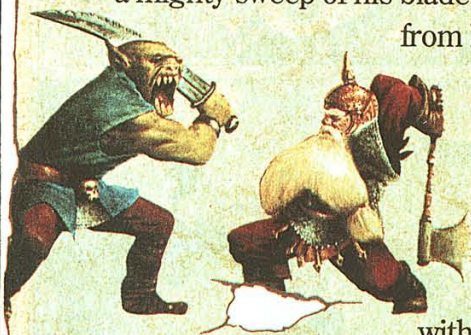
Now the Emperor has sent your band on its next quest against the minions of the evil Zargon. Deep beneath Black Fire Crag in the heart of the Black Mountains dwells Balur, a Fire Mage who serves the orcs with his magic.

You descend the steps to the lair. Brave Othgar the Barbarian leads, followed by the Dwarf, Pilix. You're next, with Hadrilor the Wizard close behind.

You open the door to a corridor stretching to the left. An orc attacks Othgar. Othgar chuckles, "What, only one?" With a mighty sweep of his blade, Othgar separates the orc

from his head. "Zargon will have to do better than that," Othgar boasts. Five rooms, 6 orcs and one spear trap later, you find a secret door. You trigger the hidden latch with your tools, and open the

door. The room is filled with skeletons. You hack the nearest to pieces with your Elven blade as Hadrilor is hit by a lightning bolt from the corridor. You shout "Hadrilor is hurt."

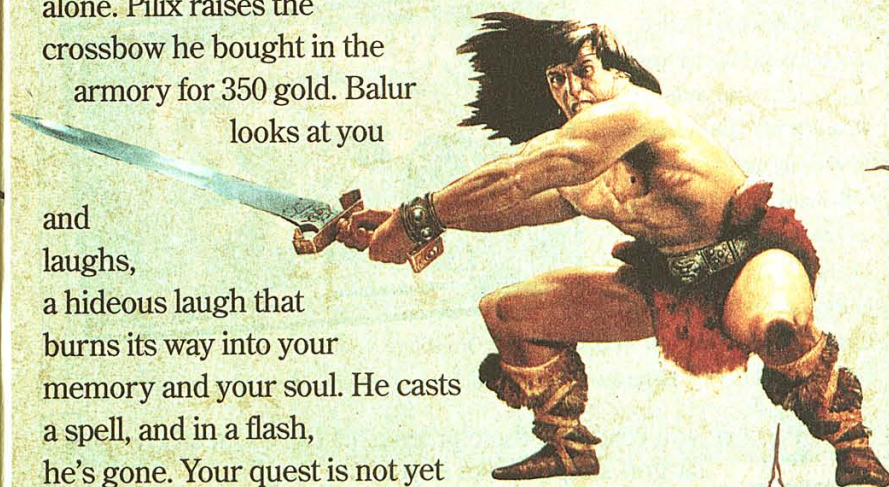


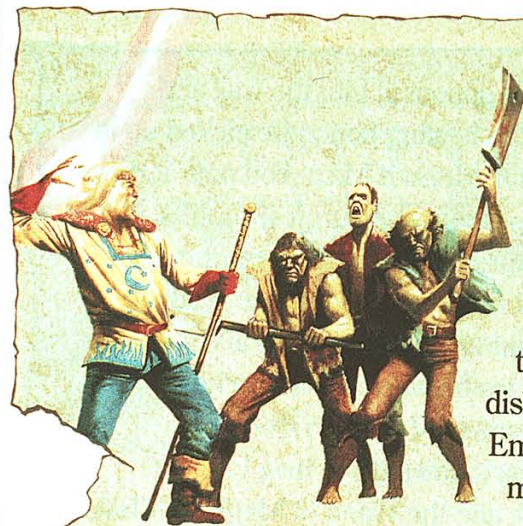
Pilix slams his opponent into the wall and throws you the healing potion he picked up in THE QUEST OF MELAR'S MAZE. You pour it down the wizard's throat - he gurgles, coughs, and staggers upright. Just in time: mummies surround the wounded Othgar, ready to finish him off. Hadrilor casts a Veil of Mist

on Othgar, and he passes between the menacing mummies, unseen, into the safety of the corridor.

You take inventory. Othgar's down three hits, Pilix one. You've found 150 gold coins, and the Wand of Magic, but Balur still lives. You look at your companions and they nod, wearily, towards the door ahead. Othgar kicks it open, and you dive into a whirling nightmare. Chaos Warriors and zombies surround you; behind them stands Balur. You race to a safe corner but you're cut off from your friends. Balur casts a Firestorm spell in the room. You feel skin burn from your arms. The flames also destroy Balur's men. He stands alone. Pilix raises the crossbow he bought in the armory for 350 gold. Balur looks at you

and laughs, a hideous laugh that burns its way into your memory and your soul. He casts a spell, and in a flash, he's gone. Your quest is not yet

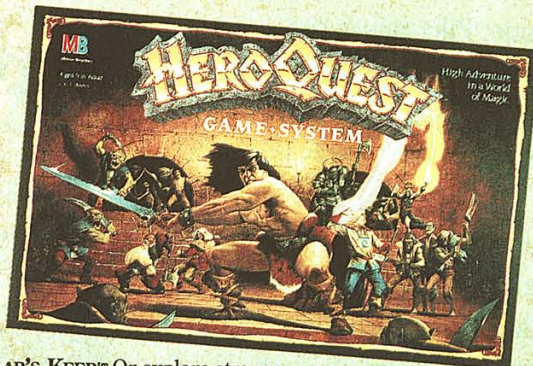




done. You cast a Water of Healing spell on yourself. The skin magically grows back onto your burnt arms. Balur can be almost anywhere. But to give up now is to face dishonor in the eyes of the Emperor. You all agree. It must be death for Balur. The search continues...

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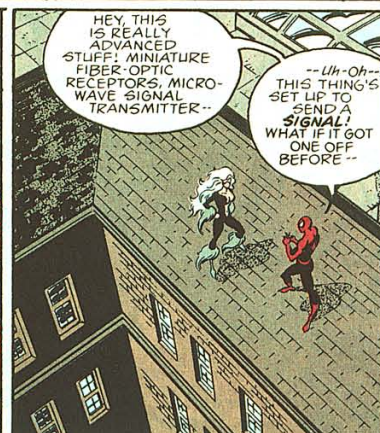
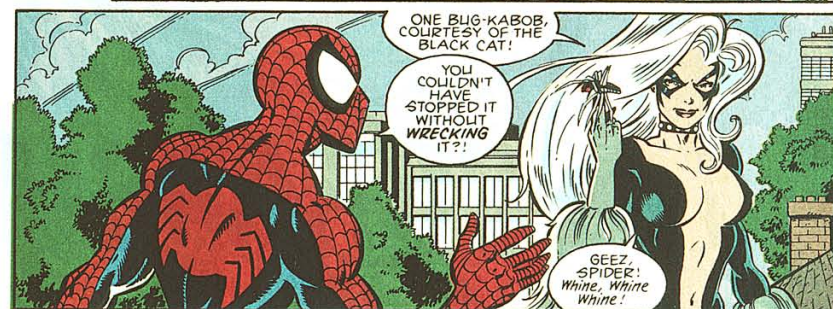
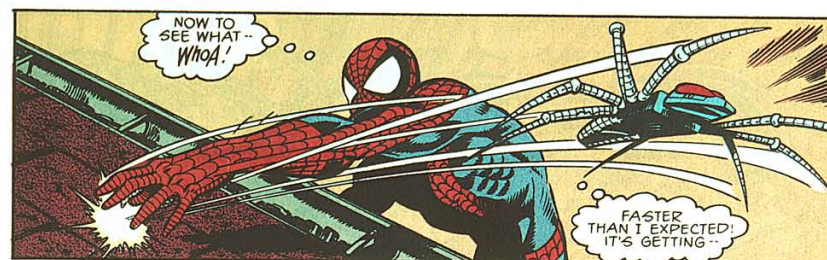


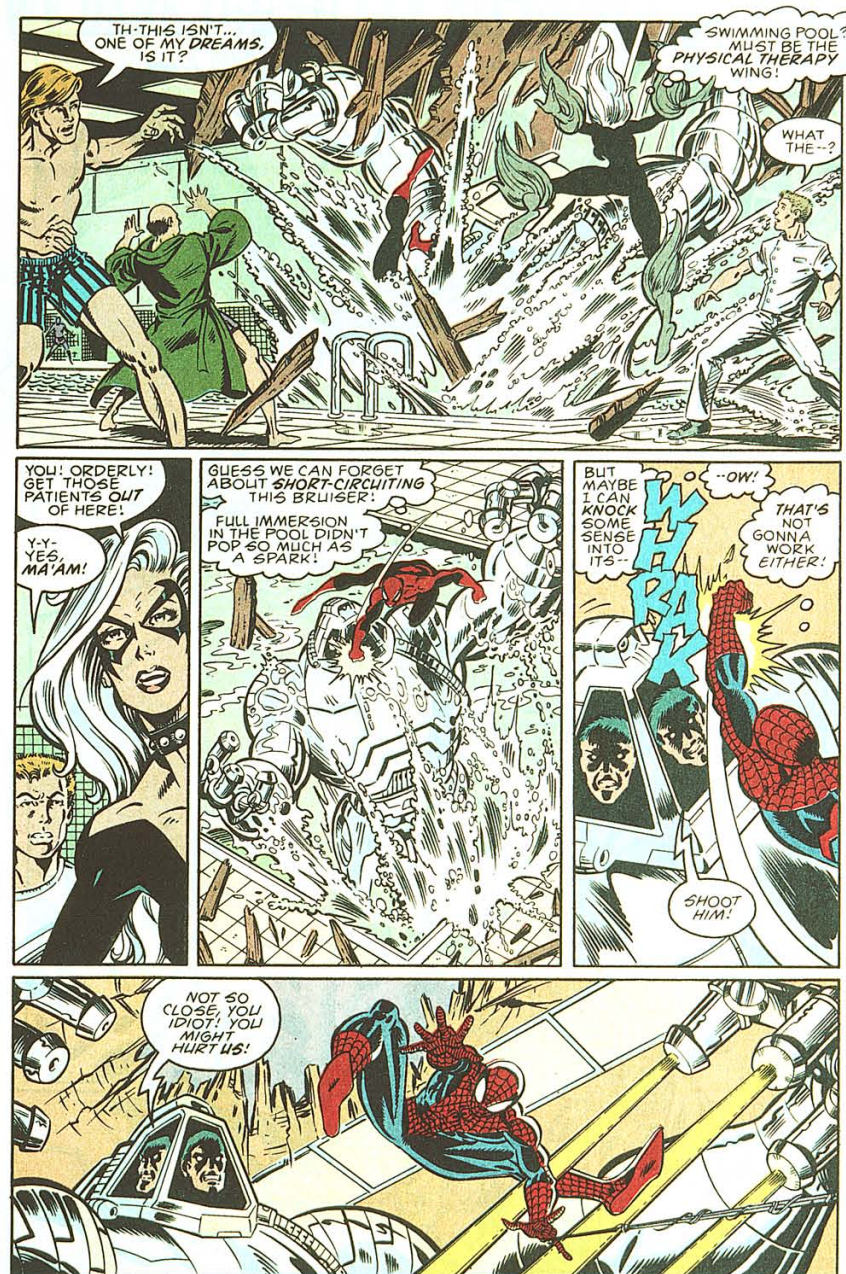
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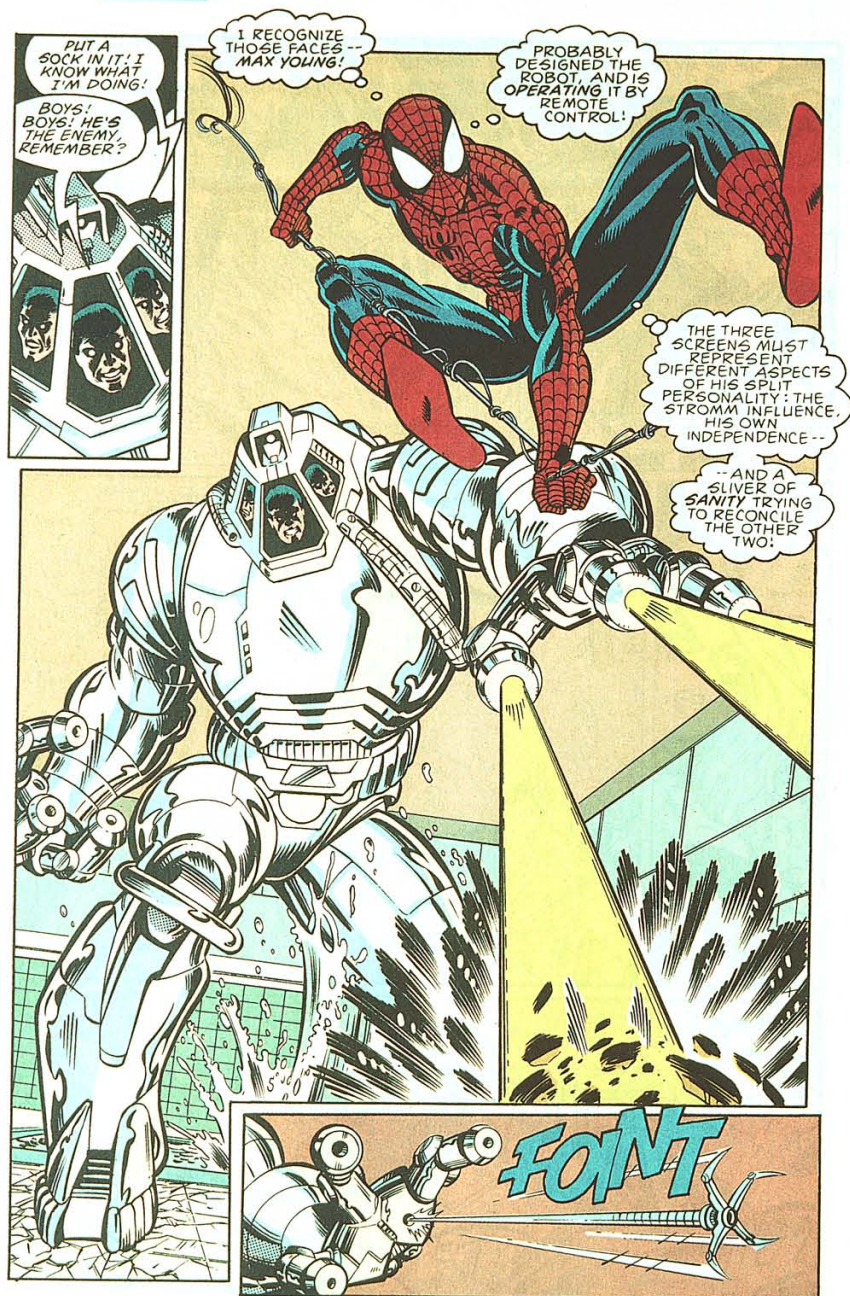
Are you ready for the challenge of Hero Quest?
Zargon simply looks at you and laughs...

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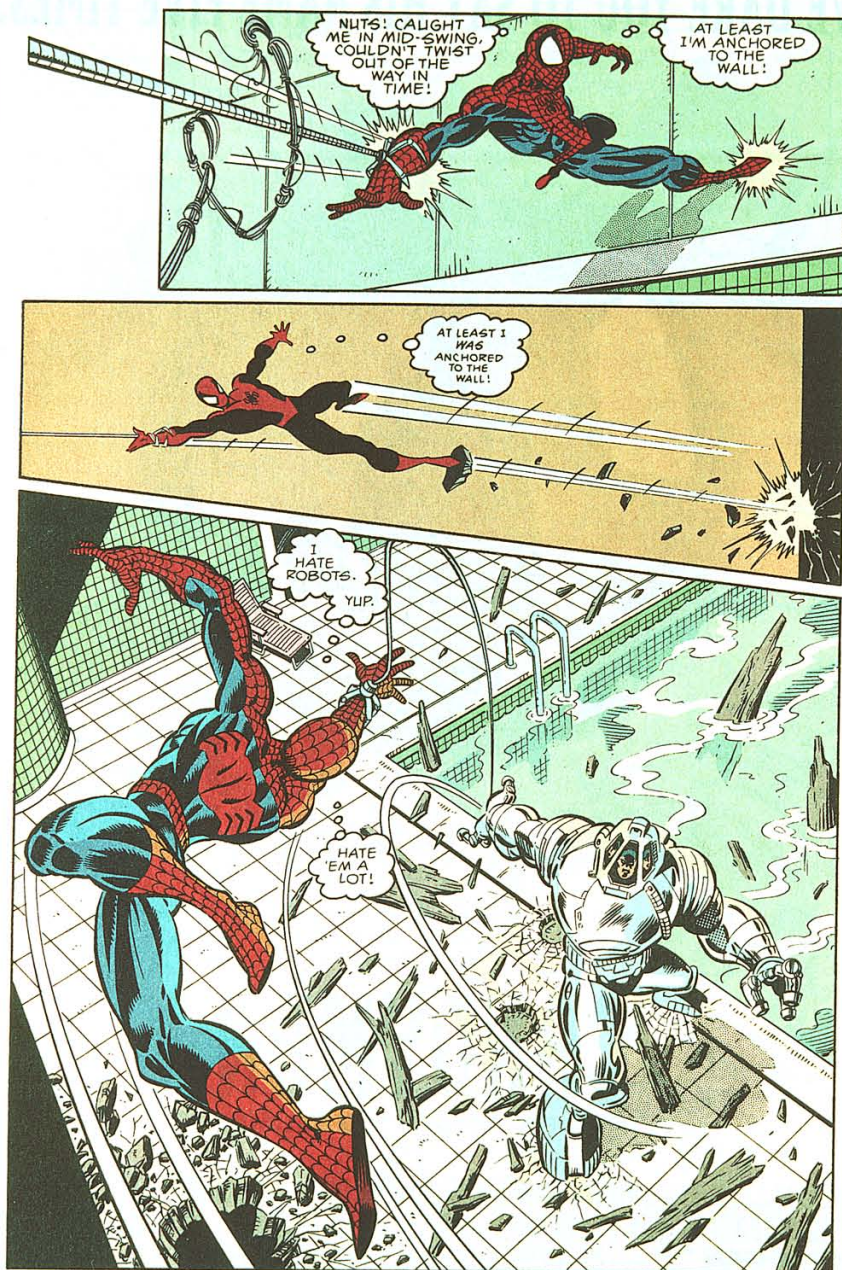
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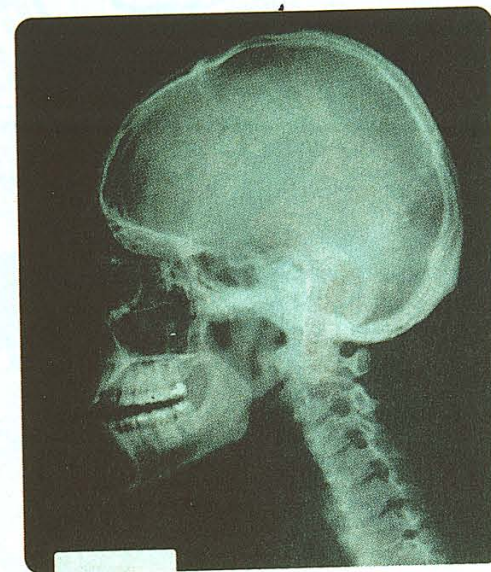
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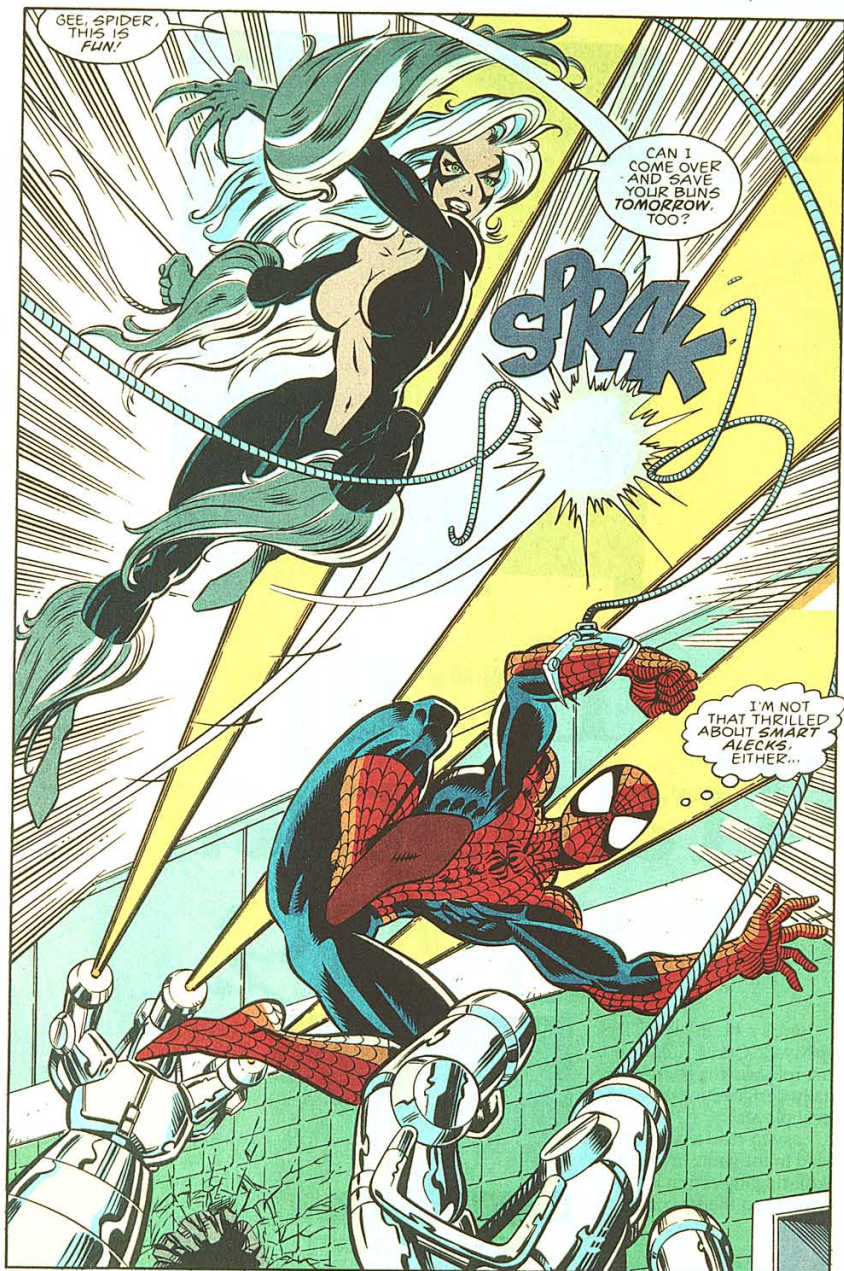
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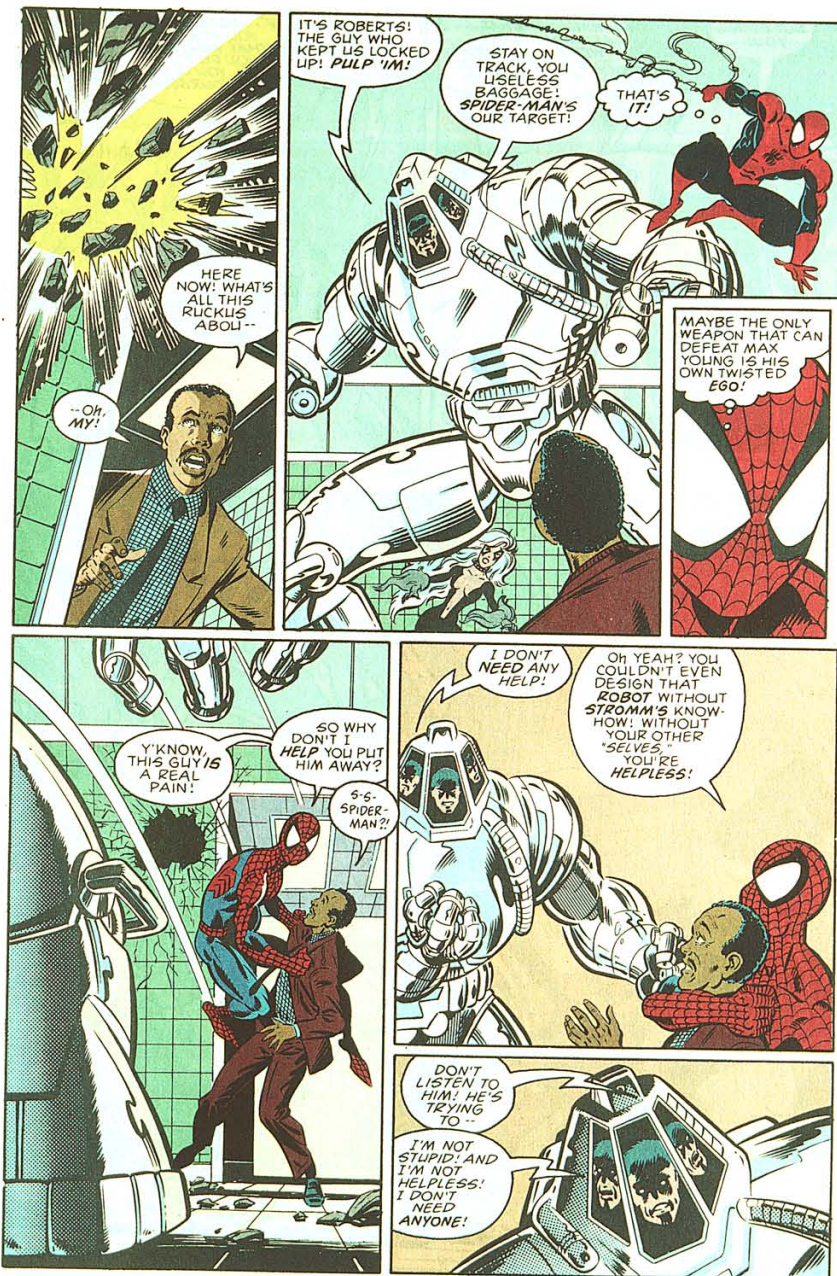
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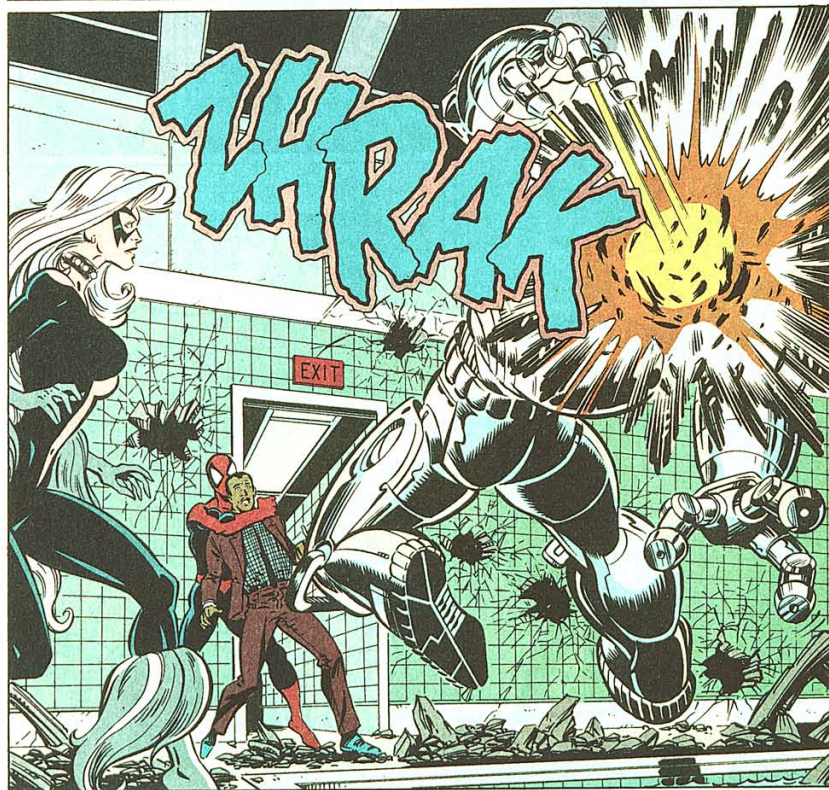
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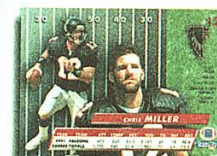
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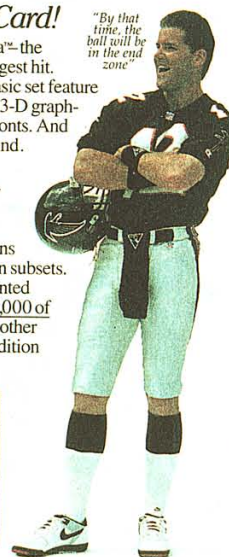
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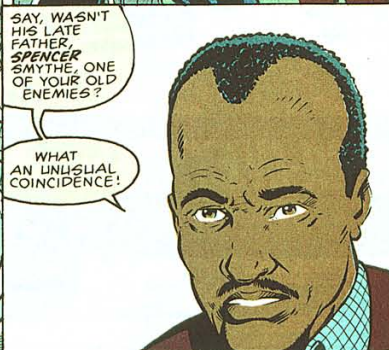
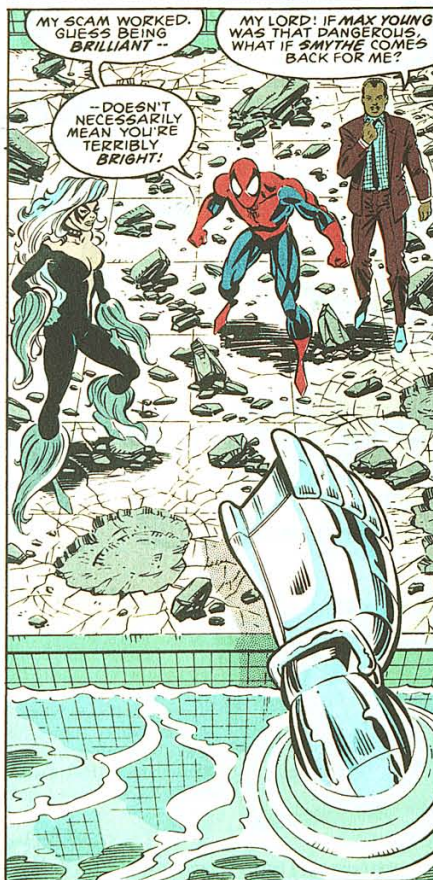
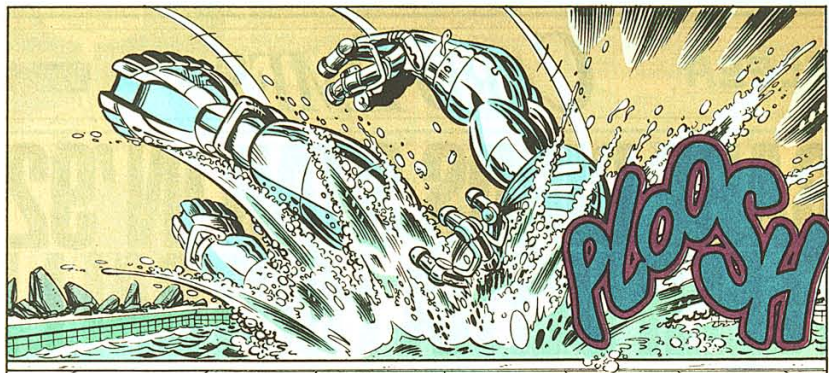
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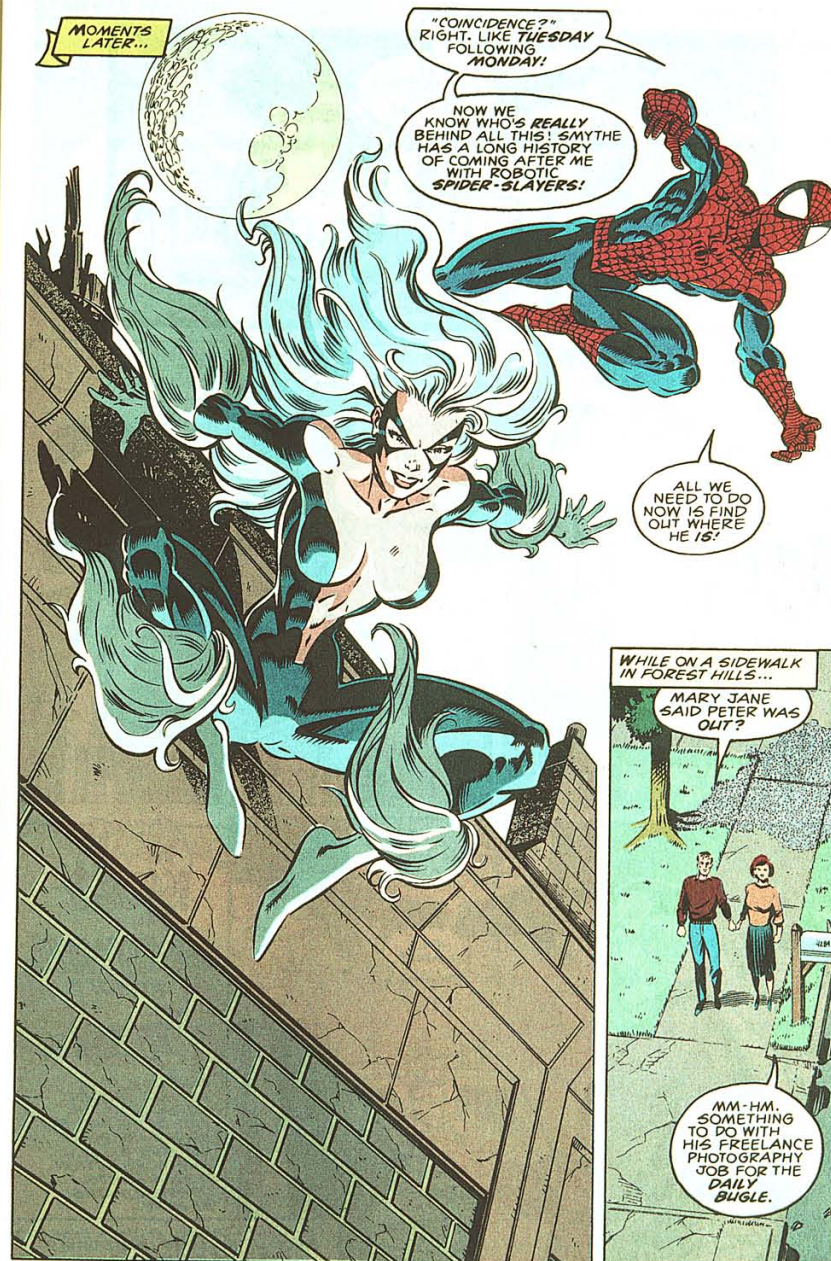
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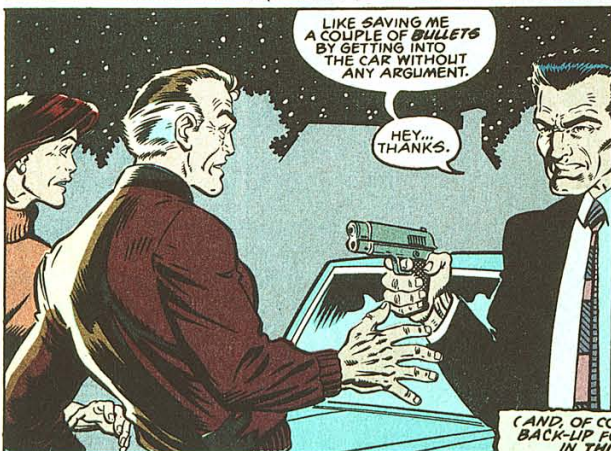
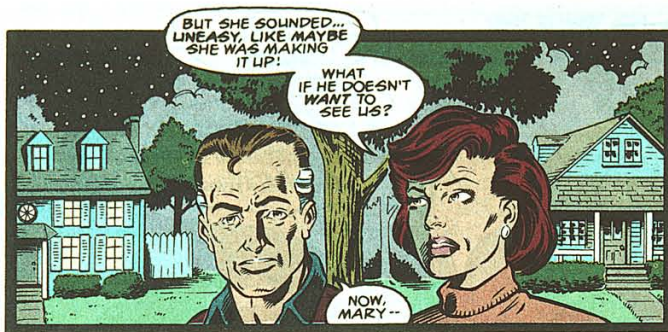
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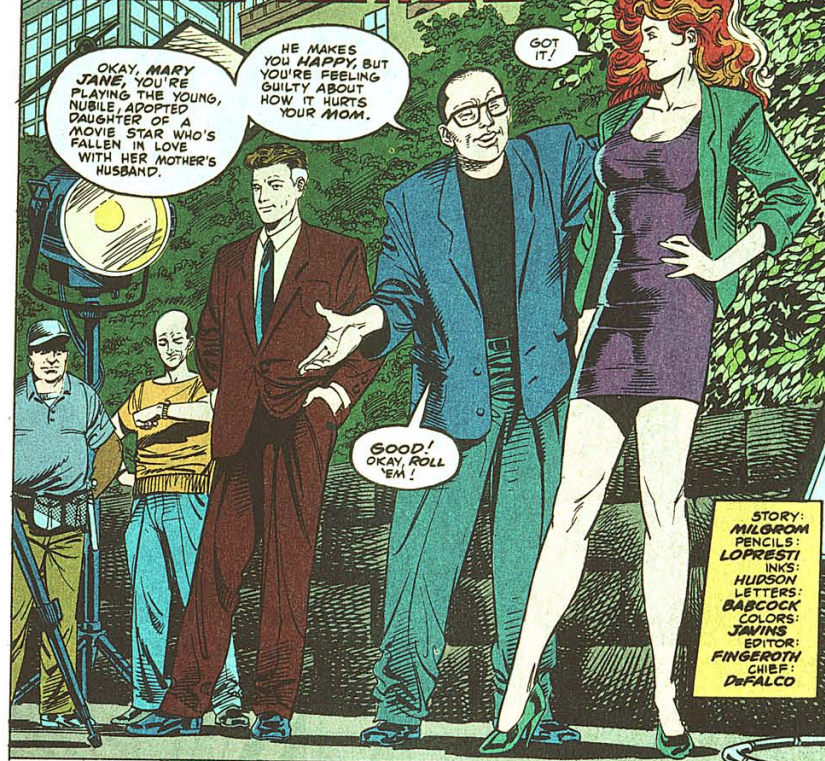


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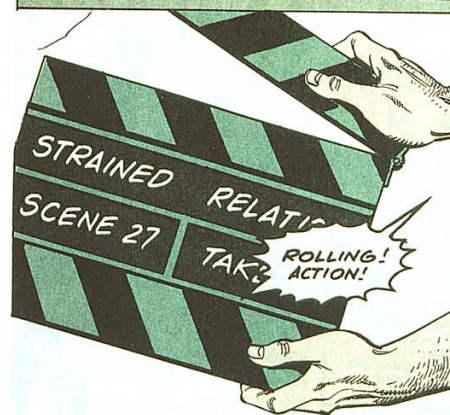


STAN LEE PRESENTS:

STRAINED RELATIONS



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REBECCA, I KNOW I'VE BEEN MORE LIKE A FATHER TO YOU, BUT THESE FEELINGS I HAVE...

A FATHER-- IF ONLY I'D KNOWN WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO HAVE A REAL FATHER...

OH, SURE, MY DAD STARTED OUT NICE ENOUGH-- HE, MOM, MY OLDER SISTER GAYLE AND I WERE PRETTY HAPPY.



BUT DAD WANTED TO BE THE NEXT GREAT AMERICAN NOVELIST. ONLY ONE PROBLEM WITH THAT...

...HE DIDN'T HAVE THE TALENT.



BUT HE MANAGED TO FIND PLENTY OF EXCUSES FOR FAILING AS A WRITER--

--AND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF 'EM WAS DIRECTED AT US.



THE MORE HE FLOUNDERED, THE MORE RESTLESS HE GOT. HE MOVED US FROM TOWN TO TOWN--



--FROM ONE TEACHING JOB FOR HIM TO ANOTHER. SEEMED LIKE WE WERE ALWAYS LEAVING...

...BUT IT NEVER MADE THINGS BETTER. IN FACT, THEY ONLY GOT WORSE.

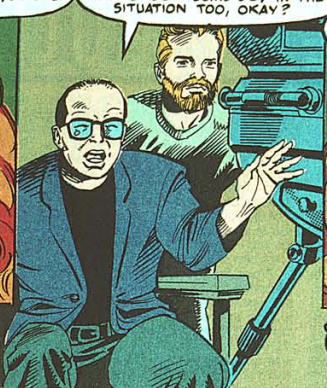


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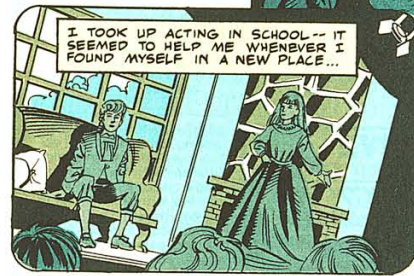
YOU'RE PLAYING THE SCENE A LITTLE TOO TENSE, SWEETIE.

SURE YOU'RE CONCERNED HOW THIS'LL AFFECT YOUR FAMILY, BUT YOU'VE GOT SOME JOY IN THE SITUATION TOO, OKAY?

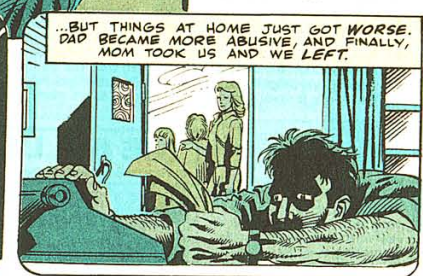
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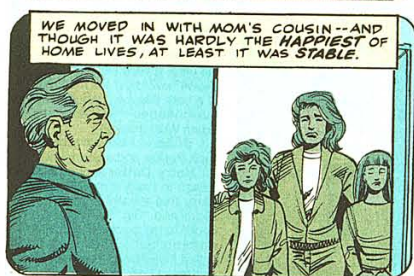
IF ONLY I COULD DO A SECOND TAKE ON PARTS OF MY LIFE...



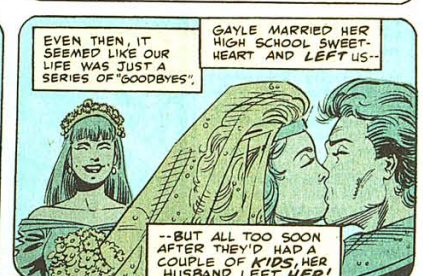
I TOOK UP ACTING IN SCHOOL-- IT SEEMED TO HELP ME WHENEVER I FOUND MYSELF IN A NEW PLACE...



...BUT THINGS AT HOME JUST GOT WORSE. DAD BECAME MORE ABUSIVE, AND FINALLY, MOM TOOK US AND WE LEFT.



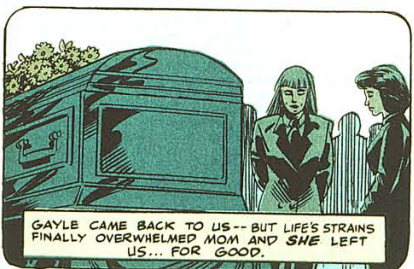
WE MOVED IN WITH MOM'S COUSIN--AND THOUGH IT WAS HARDLY THE HAPPIEST OF HOME LIVES, AT LEAST IT WAS STABLE.



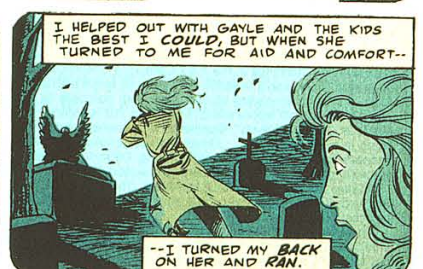
EVEN THEN, IT SEEMED LIKE OUR LIFE WAS JUST A SERIES OF 'GOODBYES'.

GAYLE MARRIED HER HIGH SCHOOL SWEET-HEART AND LEFT US--

--BUT ALL TOO SOON AFTER THEY'D HAD A COUPLE OF KIDS, HER HUSBAND LEFT HER!



GAYLE CAME BACK TO US-- BUT LIFE'S STRAINS FINALLY OVERWHELMED MOM AND SHE LEFT US... FOR GOOD.



I HELPED OUT WITH GAYLE AND THE KIDS THE BEST I COULD, BUT WHEN SHE TURNED TO ME FOR AID AND COMFORT--

--I TURNED MY BACK ON HER AND RAN.

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

You know the way our Chinese friends celebrate different years like "The Year of the Pig," or "The Year of the Dragon"? Well, for mighty Marvel, 1992 has most definitely been "The Year of the Spider," and what a great year it's been! Spider-Man's thirtieth anniversary has kept our whole blushing bullpen busy with special Hologram-Cover Issues, Spidey Conventions, Web-Slinger Parties and all sorts of arachnid-inspired fun 'n games!

Another, more subtle way that we've been celebrating everyone's favorite wall-crawler has been by introducing famous Marvel guest stars in Spidey's syndicated newspaper strip. Those of you who are lucky enough to have Spidey's daily strip in your local newspaper's comic section, have already seen the current episode which is just now zooming to a cataclysmic conclusion, the one featuring the ever dazzling and delightful Dr. Strange!

Well, here's a really sensational fol-

low-up to the Spidey/Dr. Strange adventure. Starting sometime in October, the peripatetic Peter Parker will welcome another guest star to what is arguably the most popular newspaper story-strip in all the world — Daredevil, the Man Without Fear! This will be Matt Murdock's first appearance in any newspaper and I can promise you it'll be a zinger! Can't tell you much without spoiling the surprises for you — but I can clue you in about some new artists coming on board!

Floro Dery, who has so brilliantly illustrated the Spidey Sunday pages for the past decade or so, has been forced to give up his chores because of an increased work load at the animation studio which is his home base. Although I was genuinely sorry to bid Floro adieu, wait'll you hear who his exciting replacements will be!

To pencil Spidey's Sunday pages, we were lucky to grab Rampagin' Ron Frenz, the demon illustrator who, together with the scripting of Titanic Tom DeFalco, has made MIGHTY THOR one of Marvel's most consistent "must read"

titles issue after issue! And, to ink Ron's awesome panels, we managed to lure one of Marvel's all-time greats out of semi-retirement — which means that the world once again will thrill to the exotic embellishments of the titanically talented Jot'n' Joe Sinnott!

So, Ron and Joe now join forces with comicdom's own legendary Larry Lieber, who has been so pandemoniously penciling and inking Spidey's daily pages for lo these many years, to form the most spectacular art team on any newspaper page! It's all yours, for free, in your local newspaper! (And if your paper is one of the few that doesn't carry *The Amazing Spider-Man*, never underestimate the power of a letter to the editor!)

Now, until Spidey's next anniversary — Larry, Ron, Joe, and I urge thee most humbly — Keep Thy Webs Untangled!

Excelsior!

Stan

Stan Lee

When we think of October, we think of those scary people who put on masks, play tricks, and try to frighten everyone. That's right, we're talking about politicians! This is the time of year when politics are plentiful, frightening even Red Ghosts, Scarlet Witches, and Hobgoblins! As every Marveloid knows, we're just weeks away from the funniest holiday of the year — Election Day!

In his very first appearance, the Amazing Spider-Man learned that with great power must come great responsibility. Well, every Marveloid out there over the age of 18 has great power, too — the power to vote! This is a responsibility many of us take for granted if at all. Think about it — we actually have the opportunity to help decide who will hold the most important position in the nation! Why not exercise some of your great responsibility that comes with the great power to vote? To register, call your municipal government office or the local chapter of the League of Women Voters.

From the presidential race we move on to a footrace, as we track Marvel's standings in the 1992 Corporate Challenge. The Corporate Challenge is a series of 3 1/2-mile races held every June, in which companies all over New York compete to see who has the fastest workaholics. The big winner for Marvel this year was Danny "Spidey" Gonzalez, who finished one of the races in just 21 minutes. Other Marvel Quicksilvers were Bernadette Ayala of the Manufacturing Department, Mary Sprowls of the Finance Department, and editors Don (PUNISHER) Daley and Glenn (NOMAD) Herdling. The apres-race parties held at the Senior Exec Ed's place were also a runaway success!

The Marvel softball season is also racing to a close as we write this. We all must have had our catcher's masks on in June (not to mention our hitter's masks and our outfielder's masks),

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stores all across America. (By a strange coincidence, that same creative team is also responsible for the cartoon that appears each month on this very page!) It's the perfect reading material for All Hallow's Eve! It will help you laugh away all your fears!

If you really want to treat your neighborhood monsters, don't give them candy this Halloween — give them the all-new Marvel Masterpiece trading cards! This 100 card set features all your favorite heroes and villains, beautifully painted by Joe Jusko. Each card is a true work of art! And if your preference is for pictures that move, we'd also like to mention that the Marvel Video Cassette *Pryde of the X-Men* is now available at video retailers everywhere. Get a copy now and receive a \$5 refund on other videos in MCV's catalog. No tricks here — just plenty of treats for everyone!

Till next time, remember, though Halloween comes but once a year, Marvel heroes wear masks and colorful costumes all year long! See you at the polls!

because we had a three-game winning streak, including a victory over *Billboard* magazine — a team which we had never before beaten in Marvel history! We wore the masks of tragedy, however, as DC trick-or-treated us to a loss in our second game against their squadron of all-stars. The DC/Marvel rivalry is now tied at one game apiece, with one more left to play between the two companies.

One thing is for sure — the ultra-athletic DC team sure knows how to get the most out of a ball! (Maybe it would help our chances if we all wore Adam West masks!)

Bullpen neo-cartoonist Rick Parker and assistant editor Barry Dutler have good reason to throw a masquerade party this month! Ricko the Sicko and "Big" Barry have a hyper-funny book of cartoons coming out. The book is called *Everything I Really Need to Know I Learned from Television*, and is on sale in bookstores all across America. (By a strange coincidence, that same creative team is also responsible for the cartoon that appears each month on this very page!) It's the perfect reading material for All Hallow's Eve! It will help you laugh away all your fears!

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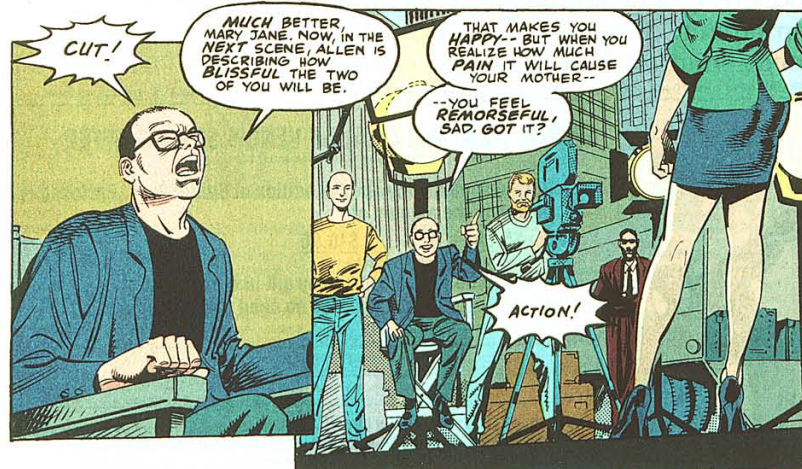
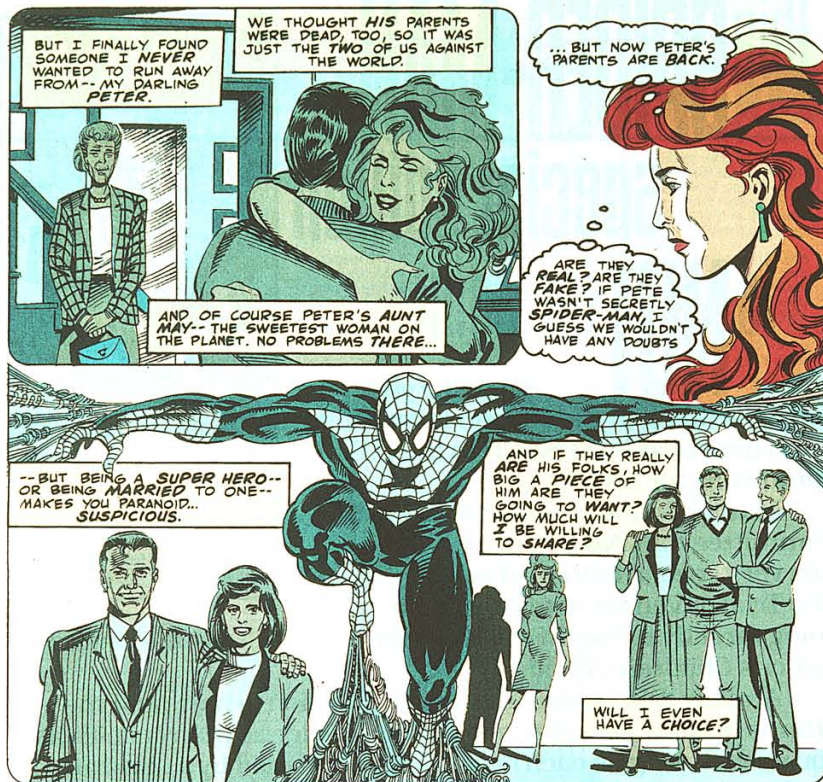
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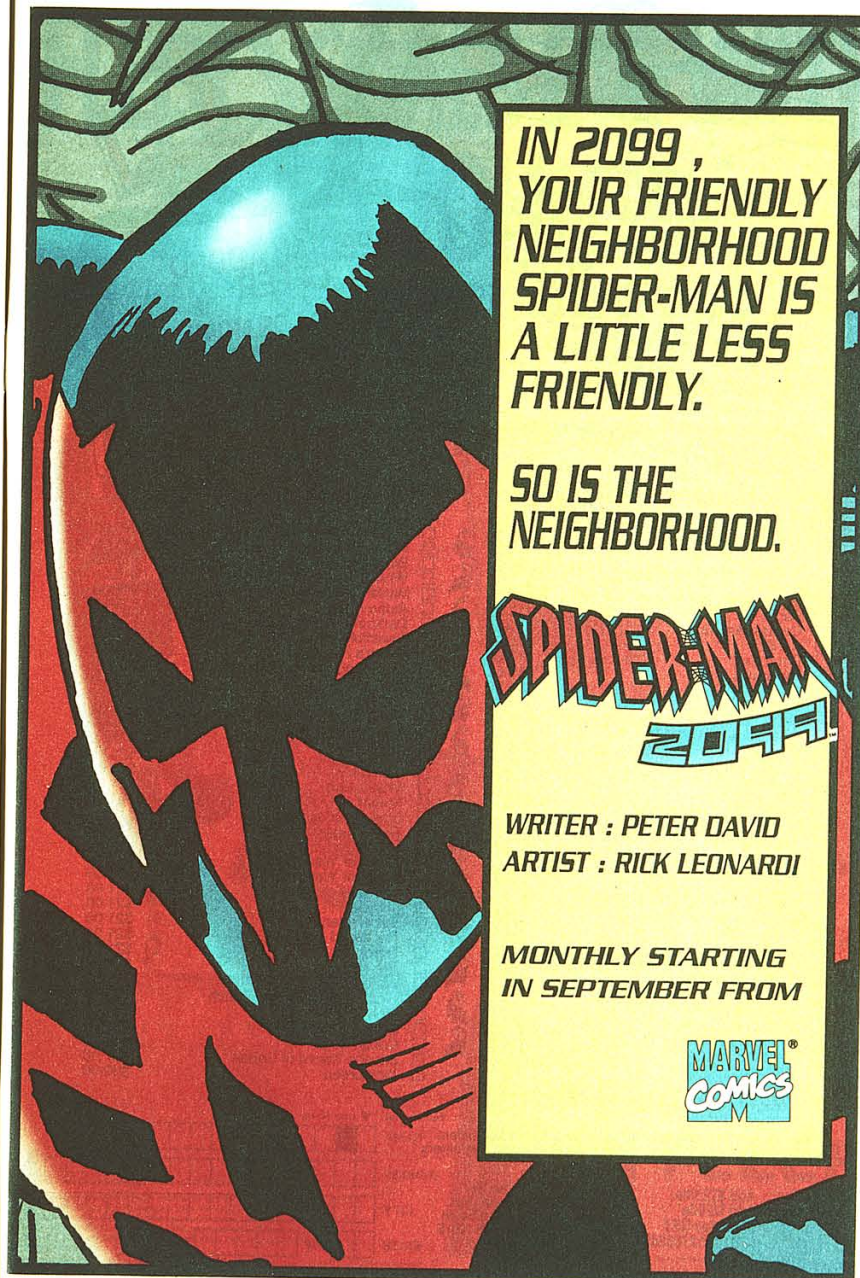


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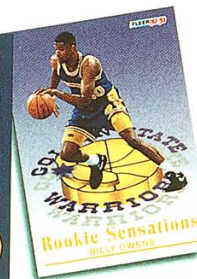
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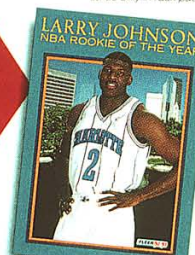


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